



Risk Assessment and Planning: Bridging the Hazards Management-Climate Change Adaptation Divide

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Introduction

- **Opportunity for Collaboration**
 - **Research and Practice**

- **Natural Hazards Management and Climate Change Adaptation**
 - **Hazard Mitigation**
 - **Policies, Programs and Plans**

 - **Disaster Recovery**
 - **Policies, Programs and Plans**

 - **Recommendations for Action**



Research Findings

➤ Study of Natural Hazards and Disasters

- Disasters by Design (Mileti 1999)
- Facing Hazards and Disasters: Understanding Human Dimensions (National Research Council 2006)
- Hazards Research
 - Meteorological Phenomena (Duration, Intensity, Frequency)
 - Hazard Vulnerability
 - Hazard Mitigation
- Disasters
 - Disaster Response
 - Disaster Recovery
 - Social Vulnerability (Chicago Heat Wave)
 - Risk Communication
 - Building Performance
 - Disaster Myths
 - Issue Salience and Policymaking
 - Politics of Disaster
 - Planning



Practice of Hazards Management

- **Natural Hazards versus Disasters**
 - **Disasters are a Human Construct**

- **Emergency Management and Hazards Management**
 - **Preparedness, Response, Hazard Mitigation, and Recovery**
 - **Emergency Manager/Land Use Planner Divide**



Hazards versus Disasters





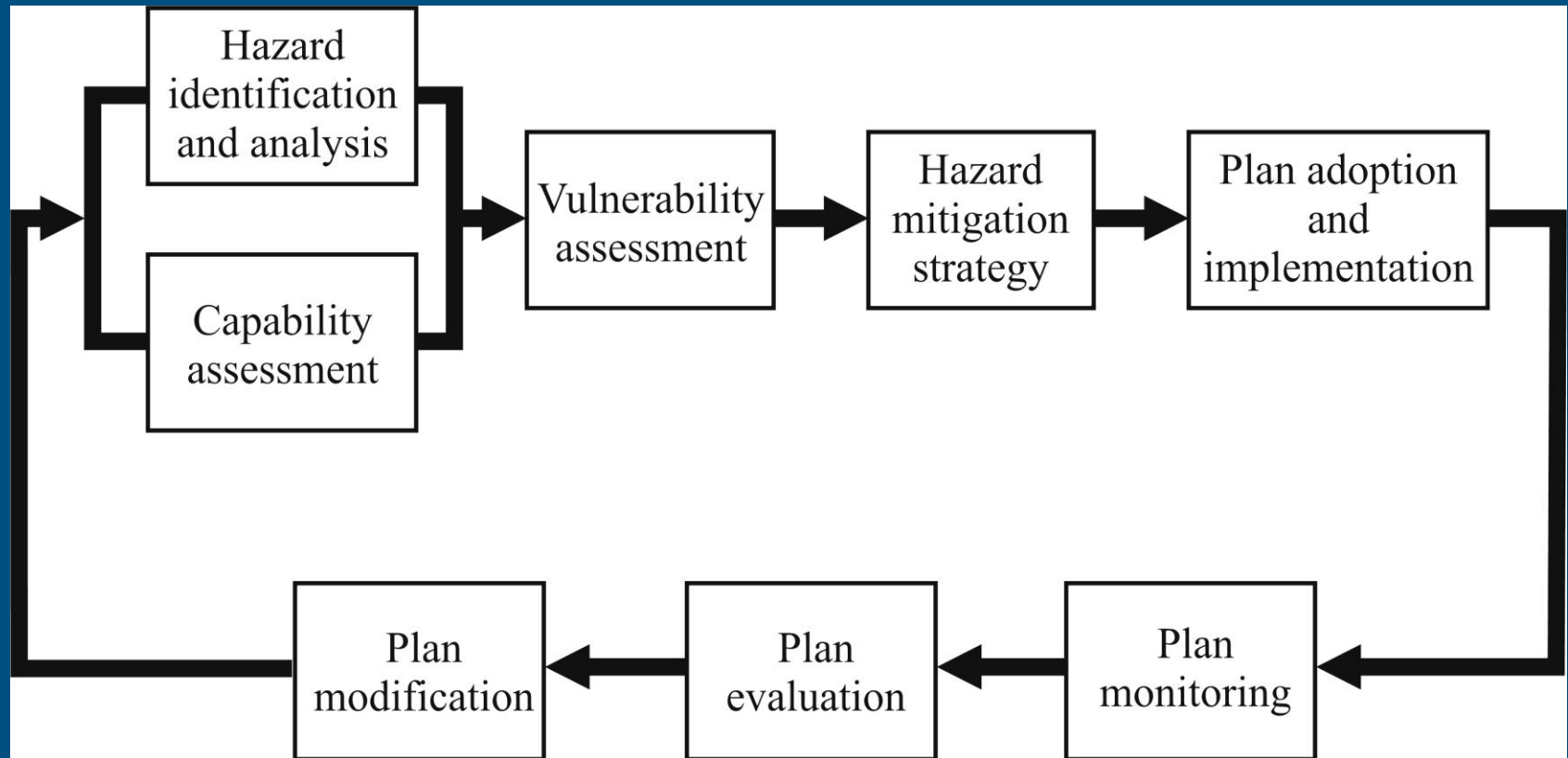


Hazard Mitigation Policy

- **Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000**
 - **State and Local Hazard Mitigation Planning**
 - **Pre-Disaster Mitigation/Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**
 - **Planning Guidelines**
 - **Policies and Projects**
 - **Land Use**



Hazard Mitigation Planning Process





Hazard Mitigation / Adaptation Strategies

- Land Use Planning
- Risk Assessment
- Hazard Notification
- Public Investments
- Hardening Structures (levees, seawalls)
- Relocation/Retreat
- Land Acquisition
- Education and Outreach
- Elevation
- Building Codes



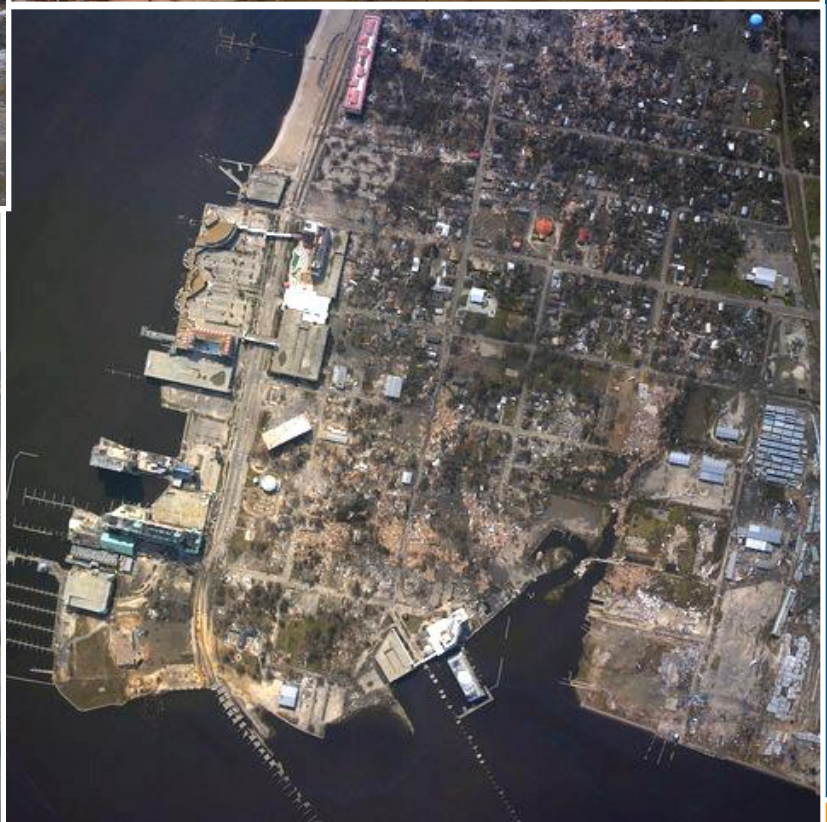
Hazard Mitigation Tools and Adaptation

➤ Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Hurricanes Fran and Floyd (over 600 million dollars in hazard mitigation funding)
 - Acquisition and Relocation
 - Elevation
 - Relocation of Flood-prone Infrastructure
 - Relocation of Hog Farms and Junkyards
- North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program (flood hazard identification)
- North Carolina Sea Level Rise Project
 - Adaptation Component



Disaster Recovery and Adaptation?





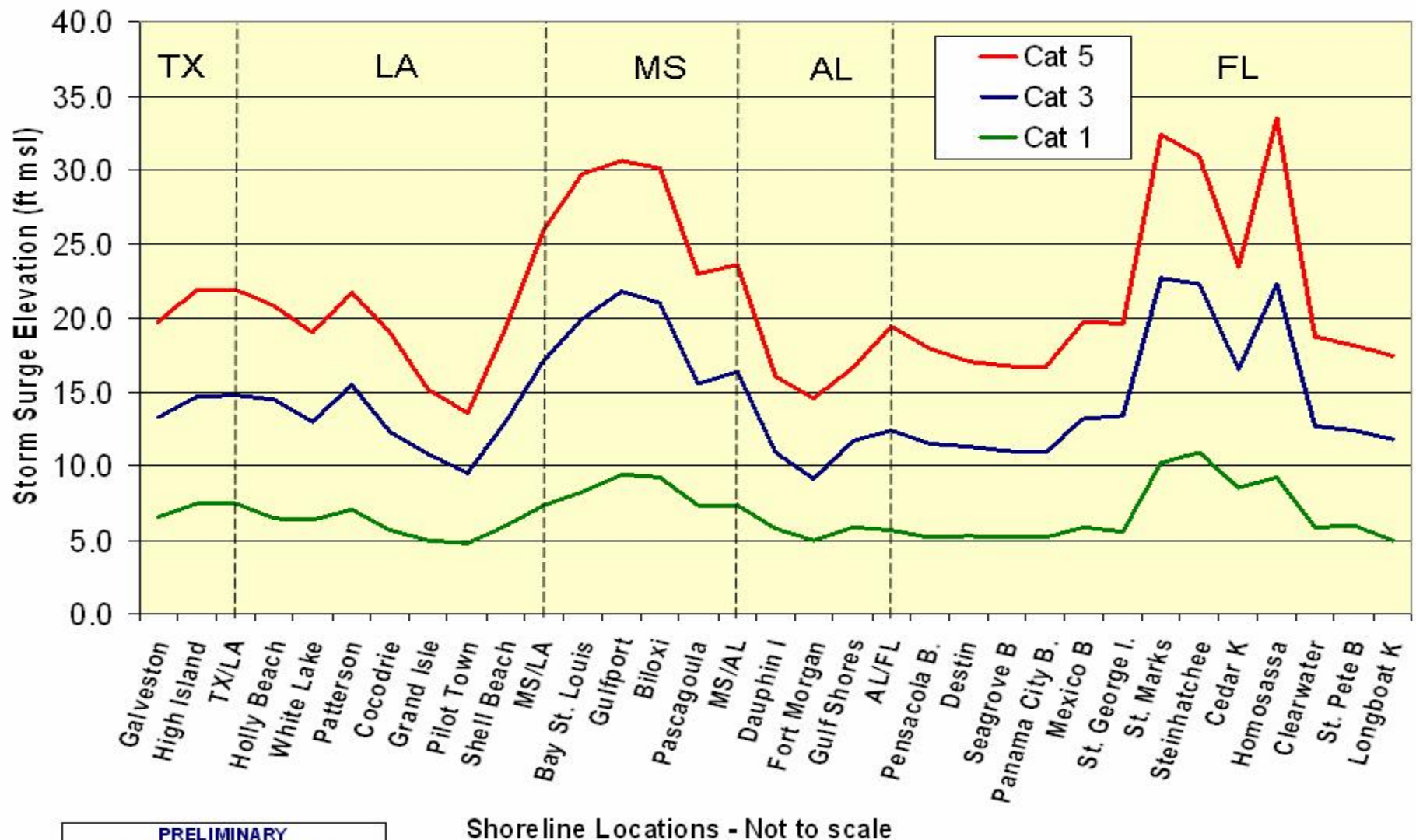
Assessing, Communicating and Assuming Risk

- **Public Sector**
 - Federal, State and Local
- **Private Sector**
 - Corporations
 - Small Business
 - Contractors
 - Developers
 - Media
- **Private Non-Profits**
 - Faith-Based Groups
 - National Organizations
 - Foundations
- **Quasi-Governmental Organizations**
 - Regional Planning Organizations
 - Professional Associations
 - Universities and Colleges
 - Community Development Corporations
 - Neighborhood Associations
- **Emergent Groups and Individuals**



Communicating Risk

Variation in SLOSH Model Storm Surge Elevations at Developed Shoreline

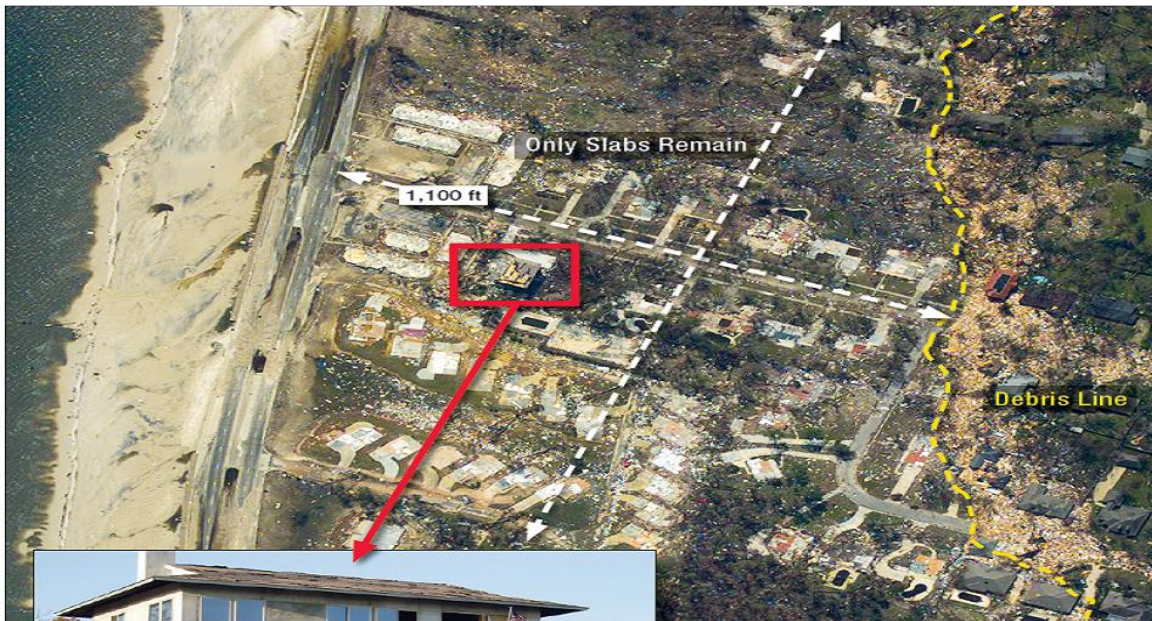


PRELIMINARY

source: FEMA MAT, 2-26-06



What is the Appropriate Design Standard?





Geography of Disaster





Housing (temporary, transition, and resettlement)





Explaining Vulnerability in the Post-Disaster Environment



Estimated Katrina Surge Elevations

24-25 ft

Advisory Base Flood Elevations

Open Coast: 18-27 ft

Back Bay: N/A

Effective Base Flood Elevations

VE Zone: 14-18 ft

AE Zone: 12-13 ft

Legend

State Boundary County Boundary

Hurricane Katrina-Related Data

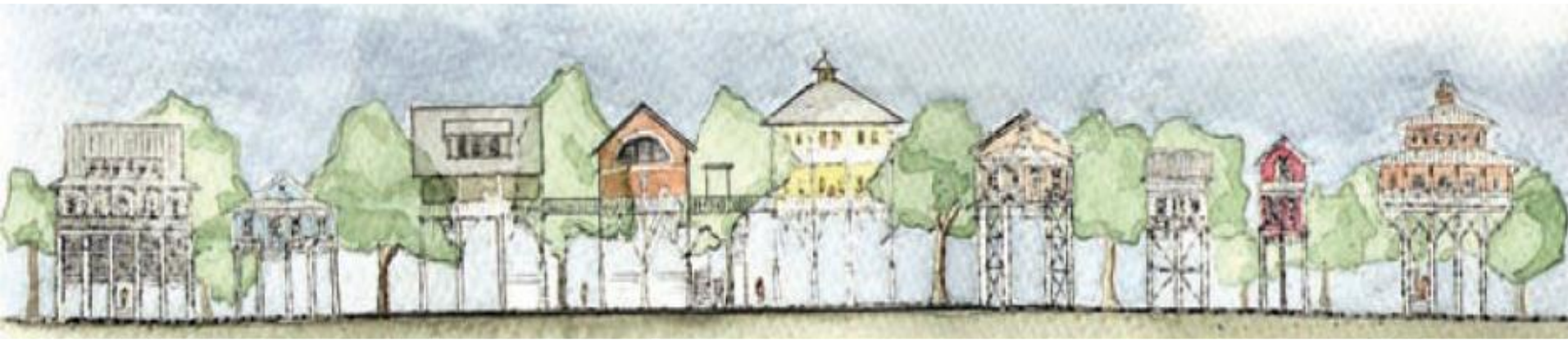
- Preliminary Indoor High Water Mark
- Preliminary Outdoor High Water Mark
- Preliminary Debris High Water Mark
- Limit of Katrina Surge Inundation

Flood Advisory-Related Data

- ABFE Contours (1-foot intervals)
- ABFE Inland Limit
- Approx. Limit of 1.5-foot Wave Zone
- Approx. Limit of 3-foot Wave Zone
- Open Coast/Back Bay Boundary
- Limit of ABFEs



Risk and Post-Disaster Redevelopment





Risk and Policy Choices





Risk-Based Policymaking and Issue Salience



Risk, Sustainability and Disaster Resilience

- Can High-Risk Communities be Sustainable and Resilient?
- Market Behavior vs. Risk-Based Planning and Design
- Decreasing Social Vulnerability vs. Diverse Populations
- Linking Planning to Sustainable Development, Hazard Resilience, and Adaptation





Human Settlements, Risk and Climate Change: Are We Learning from our Mistakes?





Shoreacres, Texas Following Hurricane Ike







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Recommendations for Action: Use the Tools We Already Have

- **Integrate Hazard Mitigation Plans and Climate Change Adaptation Plans**
 - **State Level**
 - **Local Level**

- **Pre-Event Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery**
 - **Planning**
 - **Funding**
 - **Window of Opportunity to Enact Change**

- **Multi-Objective Planning and Coalition Building**
 - **Episodic versus slow onset, potentially catastrophic disaster (hazards are dynamic)**
 - **The Salience of Climate Change**